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Mr. Peter C. Monson Assistant Chief, Indian Resources Section U.S. Department of Justice 1961 Stout St., 8th Floor Denver, CO 80294

Re: Employment of a Temporary Watermaster Assistant for the Blackfoot River Water

Basin.

Dear Mr. Strong and Mr. Monson:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Idaho Department of Water Resources has implemented the agreement in principle between the State of Idaho, Office of the Attorney General, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, to share equally the cost of a temporary Watermaster Assistant for the Blackfoot River Water Basin. The Department hired Mr. Brent Doty as a temporary Watermaster Assistant for the Blackfoot River Basin, and he began working on May 21, 2007. Mr. David J Barber, deputy attorney general, already forwarded last week to Mr. Gerald Hendrickson with the Bureau of Indian Affairs a draft Memorandum of Agreement and a projected total cost of \$19,062. Mr. Barber also informed me that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is making some format changes to the draft agreement.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke

Manager, Water Distribution Section

Cc: David Tuthill Jr, Director, IDWR
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